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WORLD BANK AND ADB LOAN TO GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank and Asian Development Bank had given 498 crores to the Gujarat State for relief and rehabilitation programme of earthquake affected areas; and

(b) if so, the total amount utilized, programme-wise and area-wise so far?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir. World Bank have committed US $ 293.90 million (Rs.1421 crores approx.) for the Gujarat Earthquake Programme (Phase-I). Asian Development Bank had also approved US $ 500 million (Rs.2425 crores approx.) for Gujarat Earthquake Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Project.However, the loan amount has now been reduced tgo US $ 350 million (Rs.1697 crores approx.) as the cheaper funds from IDA are available.

(b) US $ 253.58 million (Rs.1229.86 crores approx.) has been disbursed so far by the World Bank for housing, social, infrastructure and socio-economic activities. The works relating to repair and reconstruction of private houses, dams, roads, public buildings, schools have also been undertaken in the earthquake affected areas of Gujarat. The works have been undertaken in the districts of Kutch, Rajkot, Jamnagar, Surendra Nagar, Adhedabad, Patan, Surat, Porbandar, Junagarh, Amreli, Bhavnagar and Banaskantha. Financial assistance has also been extended to houses damaged, partially in 21 districts of Gujarat. Disbursement against ADB loan stands at US $ 80 million (Rs.384 crores approx.).